

# State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-THIRD SESSION  
LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2008

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## HOUSE BILL NO. 1253

Introduced by: Representatives Peters, Buckingham, Cutler, Gillespie, Gilson, Kirkeby,  
Lucas, and Moore and Senators Sutton, Abdallah, Albers, Gant, Koetzle,  
McCracken, and Olson (Ed)

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require that home studies conducted for custody  
2 determinations be completed by certain professionals.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 25-4 be amended by adding thereto a NEW SECTION to read as  
5 follows:

6 Any home study conducted for purposes of determining custody of a minor shall be  
7 completed by one of the following persons:

- 8 (1) A licensed professional counselor or licensed professional counselor-mental health  
9 licensed pursuant to chapter 36-32;
- 10 (2) A marriage and family therapist licensed pursuant to chapter 36-33;
- 11 (3) A psychologist licensed pursuant to chapter 36-27A; or
- 12 (4) A certified social worker licensed pursuant to chapter 36-26.

